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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God, our healer, as we draw awareness this month to defeating the foe that is breast cancer, we lay before You the friends and loved ones who, this day, are coming to terms with a recent diagnosis, who are in the throes of treatment, or who, by Your grace, stand as survivors of this insidious disease.

Holy God, You know their names. You know that neither young nor old, women nor men have been spared the terror of this threat. You are keenly aware of their journey through the shock and denial, the loss and frustrations they have faced along the way.

Remind them that neither are any denied Your abiding presence. Come alongside each one and give them courage to face this day. Grant them strength when they are sapped of their energy. Bestow upon them a sense of peace when tempers rage against the betrayal of their bodies. And give them hope for another day to enjoy the loved ones who toil alongside them in this battle to live.

O, great physician, we pray especially on behalf of those who cannot pray for themselves. Heal their souls that in all things they will find their wholeness in Your love.

O, Lord, hear our prayers, for healing, for cures, and in Your mercy, for those we have lost.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Jour-

nal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. LAWRENCE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF BISHOP PHILLIP BROOKS

(Mrs. LAWRENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Bishop Phillip Brooks, who passed away at 88 years old, as the First Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

After moving to Michigan in 1949, Bishop Brooks became a leader in the faith community for Detroit. He was also the first African-American pastor to broadcast on television in Detroit.

Bishop Brooks also stressed and taught the importance of relationships and service within the community.

The bishop became the supporter of several Detroit institutions, including the Charles Wright Museum of African American History, and he raised money and resources to aid displaced New York workers after 9/11 and supported relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

His 36 years on the executive board of the Church of God in Christ was the

longest of any bishop. Detroit and the faith community will always remember Bishop Brooks for his devoted service.

I take personal privilege to honor his spiritual leadership for me and for my family, the Cranford family.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TAYLOR PATTERSON BLAZES A TRAIL FOR IOWA WOMEN

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a veteran to recognize an amazing achievement of a fellow servicewoman in Iowa.

Last month, Private First Class Taylor Patterson, a student at Iowa State University, became the first female enlisted infantry soldier in the Iowa National Guard after being the first Iowa woman to complete the rigorous 22-week training program at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Five years ago, the United States Army began to allow women to serve in combat positions given that they can pass the same base physical requirement for all combat personnel. Through determination and the support of her family and team at Fort Benning, Private First Class Patterson blazed a trail for generations of Iowa women.

For over 183 years, the Iowa National Guard has been an excellent example of service above self by always answering their call to duty. Whether it is assisting communities in disaster relief efforts, like we saw with last year's derecho in Iowa, or being deployed to Afghanistan this year to aid in the refugee crisis, Iowa's National Guard has always gone above and beyond in their service to our State and our country.

Congratulations to Private First Class Patterson for her service and for being a trailblazer for women everywhere.

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